

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 12, 2007 has been reviewed carefully.

Election in Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has entered a Restriction Requirement between the claims of Group I, including claims 11, 15-17 and 19 drawn to dynamically controlling the fuel cell system by electrical characteristics, and Group II drawn to dynamically controlling the fuel cell system by adding external fuel and water.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, including claims 11, 15-17 and 19, without traverse. Claims 18 and 20 have been withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement and Applicant reserves the right to represent those claims in a division or continuation application.

It is noted with respect to claim 19 that though Leach discloses a switching dc-dc converter for use in a fuel cell power source wherein the duty cycle is adjusted to maintain, *inter alia*, the optimal efficiency of the fuel cell over a range of various operating characteristics (such as temperature and concentration Col. 4, line 10), Leach does not describe controlling and maintaining the temperature at a desired level or range as in the present invention.

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